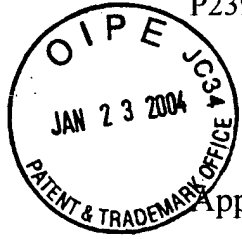


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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 57-54914, published on April 1, 1982, and English language patent family member U.S. Patent No. 4,390,235 to MINOURA, issued on June 28, 1983. Applicant notes that this document is discussed on page 2 of the instant application;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 61-15119, published on January 23, 1986, together with an English language translation. Applicant notes that this document is discussed on page 2 of the instant application; and

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Japanese Patent Publication No. 61-261715, published on November 19, 1986, together with an English language translation.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/294,615 to Yutaka TAKAKUBO, entitled "SCANNING OPTICAL SYSTEM", filed on November 15, 2002; and

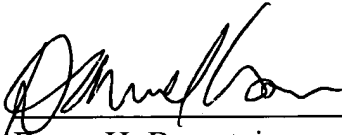
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. The Examiner is also requested to obtain and review the above-mentioned copending applications and the references of record (if any) cited therein.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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